

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

This Means Business—Read It!—There was described in a recent issue of the JOURNAL [Year 1918] the formation of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. This Corps is designed to furnish an emergency medical organization, auxiliary to the medical establishments of the Army and Navy, for such military and civic duty as is not otherwise provided for. Members are to be those physicians who would be accepted for the Medical Reserve Corps, were it not for physical disability, over military age (55), essential public need, essential institutional need, or dependents. Women physicians are eligible. Members must be licensed graduates in medicine, and must apply for membership on regular blanks, which will be furnished by county secretaries or from the JOURNAL office. . . .

We have urged every doctor to make the need for Army and Navy medical officers a first claim on their attention. That the State of California is well represented by the enrollment thus far is shown by the following table:

County	Registers about	Number in service	Percentage
Alameda	528	51	9.6
Contra Costa.....	47	9	19.0
Los Angeles.....	1549	220	14.2
Orange	86	6	6.9
Sacramento	165	14	8.5
San Diego	74	38	51.3
San Joaquin.....	100	7	7.0
Santa Barbara.....	60	8	13.3
Santa Clara.....	170	19	11.1

Not the absolute figures, but the percentages are of special interest here. How is your county represented? If it is not equal to the percentage allotment for the entire State, which means an average of 20 per cent for each county, are you to blame? Why should not your county have its just and equitable proportion of medical officers? Why should not every county go beyond its quota? If your county percentage is below the allotment, why are you not enrolled in the Medical Reserve Corps?

But suppose you are not in uniform and are not commissioned in either the Army or the Navy Reserves, and you have a legitimate reason. And you are able and willing to do what you can in your own location, even though circumstances make it impossible for you to accept the call to active duty. Then apply at once for enrollment in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps.

Legal Aspects of Social Insurance.—An interesting meeting of the San Francisco County Medical Society was held June 11, 1918. The President, Dr. J. H. Graves, presided and in a few words introduced the subject of the evening, "Social Health Insurance," in which he recounted the appointment of the Social Insurance Commission of California to investigate the problem, its activities since its appointment by the Governor, and the general scope of its investigations.

Mr. Hartley F. Peart, General Attorney for the State Medical Society, then delivered a brief address on "Legal Aspects of Health Insurance." . . .

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

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Board Proceedings

"Results of examinations given candidates for licenses for physicians and surgeons and chiropradists were announced in Sacramento yesterday by Dr. Frederick N. Scatena, secretary-treasurer of the State Medical Board . . . 198 successful physician and surgeon candidates . . . took the tests in Los Angeles recently. . . ." (San Francisco Examiner, May 17, 1943.)

News

"Retirement of Dr. Seeley G. Mudd from the deanship of the school of medicine of the University of Southern California was announced yesterday by President Rufus B. von KleinSmid, together with the appointment of Doctor Mudd to the professorship of experimental medicine. He will be succeeded by Dr. Burrell O. Raulston professor of medicine and associate dean of the Southern California school." Los Angeles Examiner, May 16, 1943.)

"Of interest to his large circle of friends was the announcement made that last Thursday evening, Dr. R. R. Root was among a group of physicians who received traditional gold-headed canes in recognition of their long service in the Riverside County Medical Association. . . ." (Riverside Enterprise, May 20, 1943.)

"A total of 726 persons in April used the 'round the clock' telephone service of the San Francisco County Medical Society to obtain the services of a physician in an emergency, it was announced today. This was an increase of nearly two hundred over March, and indicates an increasing influx of newcomers to the city, the Society believes. . . ." San Francisco News, May 7, 1943.)

"Dr. Minnie L. Maffett of Dallas, Texas, president of The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., recently prepared a statement asking for military rank and status for women doctors in the armed forces. The statement was presented at a public hearing of the subcommittee of the House Military Affairs committee in Washington recently. . . ." (Orange News, May 4, 1943.)

"Small cards may some day be the means of saving the lives of at least some of San Francisco's 4,500 diabetics, in case of an air raid, it was announced today by Henry Gibbons, III, M. D., Chief, Emergency Medical Service. The identification cards, 2½ x 3½ inches, with a code number, indicate diets and amounts for the patient along with other personal data. The card will also give the insulin record for the person. This has been done so that in case of injury the diabetic's condition will be known at a glance to attending physicians who can then prescribe proper medicine and diets. The cards are obtainable from doctors and clinics." (San Francisco News, May 10, 1943.)

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